

Bulldog Sports



Holiday Tournament Will Pit Top Teams In Small Colleges

The Fifth Annual Gardner-Webb Holiday Basketball Tournament will feature some of the finest basketball which can be found anywhere in this part of the country among small college fives. The tournament will be held Dec. 25-26.

The line-up this year includes Elon College, Western Carolina, Belmont College of Nashville, Tenn. and our own Bulldogs as host team.

Elon was a power last year in the Carolina Conference and should have an outstanding team this year. The Fighting Christians are big and have plenty of speed.

Western had a fair season last year winning 13 and losing 18, but this year is called "The Cats Are Back." Even though only four lettermen are on the squad the Cats have picked up five transfers and four of them have earned starting positions. These transfers came from VMI, Kansas State and Dayton. Belmont is a Baptist owned school in Nashville. The Rebels won 15 and lost 17 last year, but all of their stars return for this season. Several transfers could make the Belmont squad a power this season.

The Bulldogs will have to fight to regain their Holiday Tournament crown that they lost last year to Louisiana College in the finals.

The first game will be Friday night, Dec. 28th at 7 o'clock and the finals will be Saturday night.



Defensive Coach Cole Proctor (left) and Head Coach George Litton (right) ended first full senior college season against Elon.

Gridiron Wrap-up

It was a long season for Coach George Litton and the Gardner-Webb Football team. The '70 campaign ended on a losing note 30-42, to Elon's Christians. The loss was the eighth in ten games for G-W.

This marked the first full season of senior college status for G-W, also it was Coach Litton's first year. Litton led the head coach job of Lees McLeese Junior College in January to come to Gardner-Webb. At Lees McLeese College Litton guided several top ranking and post-season bowl teams.

Although, arriving here late, Coach Litton rolled up his sleeves, went to work, and recruited 19 boys. As it turned out, some of those fresh were his best players.

To say that the '70 Bulldogs were an injury-riddled crew would be an understatement. After the season opened with Lenoir-Rhyne, the Dogs were never again a healthy unit. However, the Bulldogs played pretty good football in spots. Remember Mars Hill and the goal-line stand.

The experience obtained by the 19 to 122 fresh who saw service this season will pay off. Litton played a lot of frosh throughout the season, and he and his staff feel they could have won two or possibly three more games if the players had stayed healthy.

Darryl Corley, of Union S.C., one of Litton's bright frosh, was the clubs' top ground gainer with 340 yards in 102 carries. Steve Carwell of Monroeton, Joe Anthony of Elkin, Tom Fayer of Bricketown, N.J., Mike Godfrey of Forest City, Terrell Carter of Marion and Jim Beeks of Staunton, Va, also played leading roles during their college seasons here.

Next season, the Bulldogs will be dropping Millsaps and Bluefield from the schedule with Carson-Newman and probably Catawba of the Carolinas Conference moving into these slots. The Spangler Stadium card next season lists Presbyterian, Georgetown, Newberry, Samford, and Carson-Newman. The schedule gets under way at Lenoir-Rhyne, Sept. 11.

Spagnola Names Rates Headlines At G-W And Arizona State

Tony Spagnola, a junior forward for the Bulldogs, has a brother involved in collegiate athletics. Tony's brother is Joe "Spaghitelli" Spagnola, star quarterback of the Arizona State Sun Devils currently ranked 19th in the nation. "Spaghitelli Joe" has led Arizona to 15 straight wins and is one of the most touted quarterbacks in the nation.

Tony and Joe have both been

constant competitors during their college campaigns. Tony

averaged 10 points and 6.5 rebounds last year leading G-W to a 15-7 season. Hopefully Tony will help carry the G-W club through another banner season and NCAA playoffs. The other Spag, Joe that is, will guide his Arizona team into the Bunch Bowl in Atlanta, Ga. against UNC and Doc McCauley,

Bulldogs Start Season With Win



Capture Winner's Cup At High Point

BARBER-SCOTIA

All-American center George Adams and forward Tony Spagnola pulled Gardner - Webb away from stubborn Barber-Scotia in season openers for a 96-77 victory. Adams, an All - American candidate, scored 16 of his 30 points in the second half. Tony Spagnola accounted for 11 of his 16 points in the final period.

Until a late surge by Adams in the closing minutes, Barber-Scotia stayed close to the Bulldogs. G-W led at the half 49-47. Besides Adams and Spagnola, Richard Thomas poured in 16 points and Al Graves added 12. Thomas and Jack McGill played good defense for the Dogs.

TIP-OFF

George Adams hit 17 of his 25-point total in the second half and Tony Spagnola got 13 big second-half points to lead the favored Gardner - Webb Bulldogs to an 84-80 victory over Pembroke State University. The game with Pembroke was the first game of the Optimist Tip-Off Tournament in Asheville. The Dogs got good rebounding from Tony Spagnola and Al Graves along with Adams.

The next night G-W went into the championship game with UNC-A, and lost 74-65. George Adams, G-W's high scoring center, was held to 15 points, lowest total in two years. In foul trouble, the All-American left the game in the second half after only about five minutes of play. A tough UNC-A zone-defense and a few bad calls relieved the big center of action. Gardner-Webb led at half-time 40-38. Tony Spagnola put in 14 points for the Bulldogs in an effort to preserve a win. Jack McGill and Richard Thomas added 10 and 16 points respectively. Adams and Thomas were named to All-Tournament Team.

HIGH POINT

In the High Point Invitational



Runner-Up In Tip-Off

Classic Tournament in High Point, N.C., the Bulldogs showed their awesome ability by capturing the Tournament Title Paced by George Adams' 40-points, G-W blasted for a 98-83 win over Fayetteville State in the first round. Adams had 19 points in the first half and 21 in the second half for his torrid 40-point in the first performance. The Bulldogs led the Broncos 47-38 at the half. Behind Adams in the Bulldog scoring department was David Burke with 16 points, including eight-of-nine at the free-throw line.

Adams, in addition to leading the scoring, set the game's rebounding pace with 13. All five Bulldog starters hit in double figures. "Big George" hit on 17 field goals and six-of-nine free-throws.

The Bulldogs thus captured the tournament championship against the High Point Panthers in the final game 103-84. This game brought out a great performance by another Bulldog, Daniel Burke. Burke poured in 30 points for the victorious Bulldogs. G-W led 48-41 at the half. Jack McGill greatly disturbed the Panthers with his smooth defensive play. George Adams was voted the Tournament Most Valuable Player. George and Al Graves were also named to the All-Tournament team.

The G-W Bulldogs took complete control of the game tempo in bombing Theopolis of Greenville, Tenn., in a 94-52 romp. Center George Adams scored 22 points for coach Eddie Hill-

brook's Bulldogs, and guard Richard Thomas added 18. Thomas looked especially good, coming off the bench, driving for numerous shots and drawing fouls. Thomas hit several buckets from the 25 foot range. Thomas along with Dennis DeBascenis played good defense in the backcourt. Tony Spagnola and Al Graves added nine points a piece and Jack McGill contributed ten. Doug Jolley and Ben Dugger, two bright freshman products, saw action in the game. Jolley hit the boards for many rebounds and got two points while Dugger hit for ten points.

LOCKING AHEAD

Coach Eddie Holbrook looks forward for the second semester to start. Coach Holbrook will take his career to the Virgin Islands for a boat. This trip is no, however, the coach's main reason for his anticipation.

The second semester will welcome G-W Henry Boyd to the Bulldog line-up. Boyd will become eligible and probably will move into the double post with Adams. Boyd is tremendously aggressive off both boards and very quick. Henry "Will" Boyd weighs 235 pounds and hails from Winstonsboro, S.C. Holbrook also will be looking forward to seeing Ken Long, a 7 foot freshman from Hampton, Tenn., develop. The process will be slow, maybe a year, but Holbrook will eventually have the big Volunteer led in the game.

Ski Bufts Get Special Rates From Club

The Student Ski Association has designed a program to bring down the cost of skiing, thereby enabling college students around the country to ski more often or take up this growing winter sport. Says Chaffee, older brother of Olympic skiers Judy and Rick Chaffee, and himself a former college ski racer: "As an undergraduate at Harvard and later as a graduate student at Berkeley, I saw how disheartened college students were over the high cost of skiing. So, last year I set out to do

something about it." That something is the Student Ski Association.

Chaffee admits that the Association's college rate program and Student Ski Card system was inspired by the airline youth fare card concept. "Through our national Student Ski Card program," says Chaffee, "we are now able to provide college students across the country with a large selection of prominent ski areas offering special low rates on lift tickets, lessons, rentals and

lodging." Last year Chaffee signed up thirty-four ski areas around the nation, all granting half-price sking to his first year membership of over 8,000.

Information on the national program and the ski cards themselves (sold for \$4) may be obtained by writing to SSA's National Office in West Dover, Vermont 95356. . . or by registering directly to the Registrar Office. . .